

# Burford Primary School Newsletter



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## Head Teacher's Messages

### World Book Day 5th March 2015

Please come to school on Thursday 5th March dressed as a book character. We will be having a great day that is designed to get everyone excited about the wonder of books.

You will start your day by 'Hot Seating' the grown up characters that have come to your school! After that there will be a chance to make some books and to create your own back to front stories. How about some cocoa and a lovely bedtime story? And don't forget the famous 'drop, swap and read.' Who will you end up reading with and where will you be? We have lots of fun in store so get thinking about your character!

Please donate £1 on the day to send to Book Aid International who will send books to Africa to children who love books just like you!

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March & Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – School Closed – Inset Days

As previously advised, a two day Paediatric training course has been organised for all staff to attend so we need to use two inset days. These have been arranged for **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** and **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** when the school will be closed for children. We will, therefore, **not** be taking Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May as an inset day which is on the original term dates & holidays for our school.

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Parent Consultations

Our parent consultations for Warwick, Windrush, Tolsey & Priory classes are on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** from **2.30pm** onwards (sign-up sheets are up in your child's classroom). For those children on the Achievement for All programme, separate appointments will be made for you so you do not need to sign up on the sheet. Please note the school will be closing at **2.00 p.m.** Our normal after school provision will be provided.

### Breakfast Club Play Co-ordinator Vacancy

Mrs Godfrey, who has been our Breakfast Club Co-Ordinator for the last seven years, will be leaving this role and devoting her time as teaching assistant in Warwick Class. We are grateful for all that she has done over the years and on behalf of the children and yourselves, would like to thank Mrs Godfrey for all her hard work and fantastic breakfasts. We need to appoint a new Breakfast Club Coordinator from the start of Term 5, 13 April; if you are interested in this position and require further details, please see either Mrs Hunt in the office or myself.

Jenny Dyer

## Warwick Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Teresa Lock

Warwick Class have 'kicked off' Term 4 by flying over to Australia to learn a little about aboriginal art and Australian native animals. In phonics, Reception children have been learning the alphabet, practising the letter names and Nursery children, working on rhythm and rhyme! In Maths the children have had an introduction to coins and money with Mrs Corless.

Next week we will fly over to Mexico and celebrate a traditional Fiesta, this theme will be used to help introduce the Burford Hat Skills to the Reception Children, so they can learn to assess their own learning.

We are all looking forward to dressing up and having some fun on World Book Day, especially the staff!

For two days per month during March through to July, I am attending a course to become a leader on the Forest School Programme at Hill End. Mrs Wendy Corless will be covering Warwick Class during these times.

Mrs Lock

## Windrush Class

**Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff**

This week in literacy we are looking at Anthony Browne's version of Hansel and Gretel. We started by picking out some of the complex words from the text and writing definitions, to aid us with our vocabulary work. We are now using the book to work on our ability to describe settings. We hope to be building houses and forests out of confectionary next week which I'm sure everyone will be interested to describe!

In maths we are reviewing some of the key concepts we have learnt in preparation for our assessments in March. We have had a big focus on number bonds this week and counting on using the number line. The year two children have been looking at fractions and sorting, in addition to their normal mental maths challenges.

In science we are learning about seasonal change and weather patterns. We have started by looking at facts about the sun, moon and earth and how they work together. Our Topic timeline of transport work is still continuing and on course for completion at Easter!

Mrs Duff

## Tolsey Class

**Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton**

The children have come back from their holidays ready for another term and continued with their poetry unit based on the Roman Army. They have enjoyed putting themselves in the role of a Roman soldier and are producing some powerful poetry. They have also produced some fantastic shields for homework. Thank you parents for all the help you have given the children for this project. I look forward to seeing more shields as they arrive; we are happy to help children make the shields at school if it has been tricky to fit in at home.

In Maths the children have been active learners and learning a new aerobic dance to help with their mental maths which involves jazz hands and the twist! We have also been identifying fractions, finding equivalent fractions and problem solving.

The children are still enjoying learning about the Romans; are finishing off their Roman Villa work and will be finding out about the Celts. We have also had our first swimming lesson when the children were sorted into groups; they were very excited and keen to improve their swimming.

## Priory Class

**Class Teacher – Miss Jessica Forester**

Welcome back, I hope that everyone has had a relaxing and restful holiday. With SATS seven 'working' weeks away I would like to invite Year 6 parents to a meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 5:00 – 5:45 p.m. During the meeting we will discuss important information about the SATS, how best to help you child prepare and I will answer any questions that you may have.

## Priory Class cont/d...

After lots of hard work in our literacy sessions, the children have entered the BBC Radio 2 five hundred word competition. I have been really impressed with the range of imaginative and interesting events that the children have written about. Stories have featured a talking dog, an adventurous turtle, cats that have double lives and evil characters' intent on revenge. I even made an appearance in story, although I'm not quite sure how I feel about being turned into a shrimp!

In topic work, the children have started an extended project researching a country of their choice. At the end of the term, they will have produced a non-fiction book all about their chosen place.

## Burford Stars

The stars during the last week of term were **Gaby Smith** and **Marcos Hayden**. This week they are **Jenny Carter** and **Amy Buckland**.

## Gold Book Certificates

**Awarded Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 2.45 p.m.**

**Connor Brimblecombe** for his increased confidence in independent writing. Connor is now putting into practice what he has learnt in the class phonics' sessions, well done.

**Benjamin August** for his improved speaking and listening skills during our partner-speak sessions - keep up the great work Benjamin.

**Micheala Barratt** for showing a huge improvement with her attitude to learning. Micheala's 'Can do' approach is helping her to improve her reading, writing and maths. This is so great to see Micheala, keep up the hard work!

**Pippa Dapiton-Bush** for all round effort and progress. Pippa has improved exceptionally in literacy, particularly with her writing which is of a very high standard. Pippa works hard to practise her writing and reading at home which sets an excellent example for all to follow. Well done Pippa!

**Stanley Pitt** for increased focus on the carpet and excellent contributions during all lessons. Well done Stanley.

**Jake Chandler** for always producing homework of a high standard. Keep up the good work Jake.

**Camille Duff**– For writing a very engaging story for the 500 word competition. She thought hard about her word choices and sentence openers. I really enjoyed reading about the storms that destroyed all the cities on Earth excluding one; it's a shame it was left on a cliff-hanger!

**Emily Mardle** – for working hard in numeracy to secure her knowledge and method of multiplication.

# Golden Post Box

Awarded Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 2.45 p.m.

Congratulations to **Timoney Pitt** for passing her Grade 1 piano exam with a merit. Well done Timoney.

## FOBPS Newsletter

### Cook for Books

Yummy cakes will be on sale this Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February, straight after school and will be the turn of Warwick Class. If your child is in Warwick please look out for donation plates in their book bags or one can be collected from the classroom

The totals so far for Cook for Books are:

Warwick = **£41.00**

Windrush = **£47.00**

Tolsey = **£40.00**

Priory = **£33.00**

### Red Nose Day

Don't forget on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March all the children and teachers will be getting involved with Comic Relief, by coming to school wearing a funny wig or a crazy hairstyle in exchange for a £1 donation. The crazier the hairstyle the better.

We will also be organising a cake sale after school that day, so please look out for cake donation plates in your child's book bags nearer the time.

All donations and proceeds from the cake sale will go directly to Comic Relief.

### Rags 2 Riches

This year we have decided to change the bags2school collection to a company called Rags 2 Riches and their first collection will be on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

Rags 2 Riches distribute all clothing that is collected directly to third world countries, so we ask if the clothing that you all very generously donate, be in a good, clean condition.

Flyers will be put in book bags nearer the time along with collection bags and the children will be given reminder stickers on the day before each collection.

### FOBPS on Social Media!

FOBPS has got an account on **Facebook**, so please remember to 'like' us. We keep you informed on upcoming events and give feedback on recent ones. You can find us at [www.facebook.com/BurfordPrimarySchool](http://www.facebook.com/BurfordPrimarySchool) or use the link to our Facebook page from the **school's website** – just look under the 'News' tab and then the 'Social Media Page' link at the bottom. The amounts raised at events and photos will be posted on to FB for you to see and share.

## FOBPS Newsletter cont/d....

### FOBPS Meeting

The date of the next FOBPS meeting has yet to be confirmed. Once we know the date, we will let you know so if you want to come along, you would be very welcome. Please remember you have the option, with advanced booking, to put your children into After School Club for the duration of the meeting, free of charge!

There are many different ways you can help, whether you have lots of time on your hands or would like to contribute as and when you're able to. We hold our meetings roughly every 6 weeks and are very relaxed with no obligation to attend each session. If you feel you can't commit to a large role, you may want to be involved in a smaller but equally important way e.g. running a stall at the summer fair, baking for a cake sale. Or you can always support FOBPS' events by simply turning up, it all counts!

If you'd like to come along to future meetings, then please come and chat to either Louisa Swann, Lizanne Harris or Rachael Barton and we can tell you more about it. Or if you'd like to simply be included in the mailing list for the minutes of our meetings, then just let us know.

Our meetings are very relaxed so feel free to pop along whenever you wish to!

### **Please do let us know if you think you can help or want to get involved with FOBPS**

If you would like to contact **FOBPS by email**, feel free to email the chair of FOBPS directly at [louisa@theswanns.com](mailto:louisa@theswanns.com) or Lizanne Harris at [lizanne@pingthing.co.uk](mailto:lizanne@pingthing.co.uk)



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Following the success of the past years, we are again collecting Sainsbury's vouchers.

Last year we were able to get 6 sets of catering equipment for the children to use. This included wooden spoons, bowls, graters, scales, whisks, baking trays and cake tins. We also exchanged our vouchers for a paddock kit which includes cane, string and tarpaulin. Thank you for all of your collecting.

Please collect vouchers at any Sainsbury's store and online between Wednesday 28 January and Tuesday 5 May 2015.